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Prospect Of Real Progress

BOMBAY, FEB. 20.

THE ANNOUNCLMENT MADE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS LAST NIGHT THAT A BRITISH MISSION OF THREE CABINET MINISTERS WOULD VISIT INDIA WAS FEATURED IN LARGE HEADLINES IN INDIAN NEWSPAPERS TO-DAY.

THE PRESIDENT OF CONGRESS, MAULANA KALAM AZAD, SAID THAT THIS DECISION WOULD BE APPRECIATED BY THE COUNTRY. "I WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS IS TO BE A MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION," HE SAID.

"Whatever may be the judgment on the shortcomings of the Cripps offer there was no doubt about Sir Stafford Cripps' sincerity of purpose."

The two principal New York morning newspapers — the "Times" and "Herald Tribune" gave front page prominence to British Cabinet mission.

The "Times" heads the story by a staff correspondent: "Three top Britons to India on the impasse: Ranking Cabinet Ministers to ferm mission to farther plan for constitution."

The "Herald-Tribune" also carries a lengthy despatch by a staff writer, headed: "Three British Cabinet heads going to India; Cripps, Alexander and Pothick Lawrence in mission leaving soon: plan talks with newly elected political chiefs; Nehru is not satisfied."

NO SET PROPOSALS

The "New York Times" devotes a good sized editorial to the announcement. After referring to rioting in Indian cities and the growing militancy of both Hindu and Moslem leaders, the editorial says: "The new commission may differ from the Cripps' mission in 1942 in that, as reported, it will go forth with no set proposals. This would seem to mean that if the Indian parties can agree, Britain will underwrite the result."

After outlining the many difficulties facing the commission due to disagreement of the respective parties, the editorial continues: "Mr. Attlee's Government does, however, have an advantage which the Conservative or Coalition Government, no matter how sincere, could not have. No one will suspect it of being tinted with imperialism."

HONEST WISH

The writer adds that there is no doubt that Mr. Attlee and his colleagues honestly want to give self-government on an equal footing with the Dominions and freedom to go or stay in the British Commonwealth of nations.

"Naturally, they would hope that she would choose to stay. A new formula will be written in Delhi and Downing Street. Threat of hunger and of civil war may do what words have failed to do."—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV TROOPS ON MOVE

ROME, FEB. 20.

THE ROME NEWSPAPER "GIORNALE MATTINO" TO-DAY REPORTED THAT YUGOSLAV TROOPS, EQUIPPED WITH FIELD ARTILLERY, ARE MOVING TOWARD THE LINE DIVIDING THE DISPUTED VENEZIA GIULIA PROVINCE FROM THE NORTH TO THE SOUTH JUST EAST OF TRIESTE.

At the same time, the newspaper "Il Tempo" asserted that the Allied occupation authorities in Italy had information concerning an alleged Yugoslav plot to promote an insurrection in Venezia Giulia in the event the area is not awarded to Yugoslavia.

A commission of Allied experts is now making an investigation of the conflicting Yugoslav and Italian claims to the area and will submit its findings to the Foreign Ministers' Council in London.—Associated Press.

Canadian Inquiry Into At-Bomb Leak

OTTAWA, FEB. 20.

THE CANADIAN CABINET WAS REPORTED TO HAVE TAKEN UP THE BROADER ASPECTS OF THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE LEAKAGE OF SECRET INFORMATION TO AGENTS OF WHAT HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A "FOREIGN NATION" IN CANADA.

MEANWHILE, THE BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATED THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE SUPPOSED LEAK OF ATOMIC BOMB SECRETS AND THE GOVERNMENT PROBE INTO THE ELDORADO GOLD MINES LIMITED, CANADA'S SOURCE OF URANIUM.

In Washington the White House declined to comment on an Ottawa report that F.B.I. agents had named more than 100 persons in the United States as having cooperated with the foreign spy ring in a report to President Truman.

Also in Washington, two Congressional committees discussed the spy problem. The Senate atomic energy group heard Dr. Ralph Macdonald of the National Education Association say that spying for American information on atomic energy was inevitable, while the House Committee on un-American activities was urged to make an investigation of the Canadian ring. No action was taken.

In Washington Secretary of State James Byrnes declared flatly yesterday that as far as he knows the the secret of atomic bomb production remains exclusively in the hands of the United States.

Byrnes told a news conference that he had no news of any anticipated arrests in this country. Byrnes said his first information about the Canadian spy ring was obtained about the time of Prime Minister Mackenzie and Premier Clement Attlee's visit to the United States.

ATTLEE STATEMENT

In London Prime Minister Clement Attlee told the House of Commons that the Canadian Government discussed with him the leakage of secret information with regard to atomic energy and "I don't think it pro-

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RUSSIA'S "MORAL RIGHT"

HAVANA, FEB. 20.

JOSEPH E. DAVIES, FORMER UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA, SAID THAT "RUSSIA IN SELF-DEFENCE HAS EVERY MORAL RIGHT TO SEEK ATOMIC BOMB SECRETS THROUGH MILITARY ESPIONAGE IF EXCLUDED FROM SUCH INFORMATION BY HER FORMER FIGHTING ALLIES."

Davies asserted: "If Russia had developed the atomic bomb and the United States were in her shoes we certainly would try to obtain such information, especially if we were faced with a potentially hostile world."

The former diplomat vigorously opposed the formation of a so-called western bloc of nations declaring: "The Russians will develop a strong isolationism if they get the impression that the rest of the world is ganging up on them because of political, economic, racial or religious ideologies. They will take the necessary measures to defend themselves against the world just as any other nation would do in a similar situation."—Associated Press.

ATOMIC POWER LIMITS

Washington, Feb. 20.

John Parker, Vice-President of the Consolidated Edison Company, yesterday told at a special session of the Atomic Energy Committee that it does now seem likely that the use of atomic energy will produce far reaching changes or more than limited economies in power production which with marine propulsion he said offered most likely fields for industrial use of atomic power.—Associated Press.

Warning To Bombay Naval Strikers

BOMBAY, FEB. 20.

A NAVAL OFFICER IN A LOUDSPEAKER VAN WARNED THE STRIKING INDIAN NAVAL RATINGS IN BOMBAY TO-DAY THAT UNLESS THEY RETURN TO THEIR QUARTERS BY A GIVEN HOUR THEY ARE LIABLE TO ARREST.

At the same time, a body of strikers, calling themselves the Central Strike Committee, formed "volunteer corps" of ratings who were instructed to tour the city, calling on sailors to go back to their ships.

John Godfrey, Flag-Officer commanding the Royal Indian Navy, who arrived in Bombay by air to-day from Delhi immediately launched a full inquiry and was conferring this afternoon with the local naval authorities.

The strikers carried violence in Bombay's streets into its second day to-day when a number of Indian ratings outside the railway station in the European business area assaulted several British soldiers.—Reuter.

KING FAROUK'S ADVISER FATALLY INJURED

Cairo, Feb. 20.

The Chief of King Farouk's Royal Cabinet, Ahmed Mohamed Hassanein Pasha, died in a Cairo hospital shortly after the motor-car in which he was riding was struck by a skidding British Army truck on the Kasr el Nil Bridge. Hassanein, aged 55, was a close advisor to the King.—Associated Press.

THE "KNOW HOW"

Washington, Feb. 20.

The United States Secretary of State, Mr. James Byrnes, told a press conference to-day that so far as he knew, the "know how" of the atom bomb was still exclusively in the possession of the United States.

Asked to define the word "know how," Mr. Byrnes declined pointing out that no one could say whether the secret of the bomb was out.—Reuter.

FRENCH FAR EAST DISCUSSIONS

Paris, Feb. 20.

Great reserve is being maintained here on the reported negotiations between the Viet Minh (Indo-Chinese Nationalist Party) and the French Authorities, which are stated to have been the topic of discussion at to-day's Cabinet meeting.

The Minister of Colonies, Marius Moutet, who gave a review of the situation is known to be well disposed to Indo-Chinese Nationalist aspirations.

Meanwhile, well-informed circles indicate that the Franco-Chinese agreement covering Chinese and Indo-Chinese problems is likely to be accelerated by the arrival of the Chinese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Wang Shih-chieh in Paris.

The new Franco-Chinese treaty is expected to lead to the evacuation of Northern Indo-China by Chinese troops.

Other problems at present under discussion are: (1) Extraterritorial rights, which the French claim until the conclusion of the new treaty.

(2) The property rights of French Catholic missions in China.

(3) The creation of a free port at Haiphong and

(4) The cession to China of a section of the Yunnan Railway and occupation costs incurred by Chinese troops in Indo-China.—Reuter.

Discovery Of Mummy 6,000 Years Old

CAIRO, FEB. 20.

THE DISCOVERY OF A GOLDEN CASKET CONTAINING A 6,000-YEAR-OLD MUMMY AND JEWELS OF GREAT BEAUTY AND VALUE HAS BEEN REPORTED BY PROFESSOR PIERRIE MONTET, FRENCH ARCHAEOLOGIST, IT WAS DISCLOSED YESTERDAY.

THE MUMMY IS DESCRIBED AS THAT OF UN DIEBAU EN DJEDT, GENERAL AT THE TIME OF THE FIRST OF THE PHARAOHS.

It was in a hidden room beside he tomb of Pharaoh Phussenes of Egypt, at San el Hagar, that the French archaeological mission uncovered the gold-ornamented mummy of the general, whose armies—if he had armies—camped through the cities of the Nile delta four thousand years before the Christian era.

Treasures of art, probably just as important as those discovered in the older tomb of Tut Ankh-Amen in 1922, were discovered in the wooden, gold encrusted coffin.

Professor Montet, Chief of the French Mission, discovered the hidden room while excavating in the burial grounds near what was once the Egyptian capital city of Tania.

He found that the mummy, buried in coffins of granite and gold encrusted wood, had disintegrated badly, but the jewels and the other treasures buried with it were intact. Around the general's neck were golden chains and precious jewels.

His face was covered with a golden mask, and on his fingers and toes were tubes of gold.

GREAT SCARAB

There was a great scarab of green stone, and a golden statue of the goddess Hathor, protectress of the dead, and a crystal statue of the goddess seated on a golden throne.

There was a lapis lazuli figure of Phta Homma the god of ancient Memphis, standing in a golden chapel supported by columns of gold. And there were golden plates and a flower shaped cup of white gold and silver—all of which will soon be carried to the Museum in Cairo.

The General's name was roughly translated by the Egyptian authorities as meaning "there are rewards for Busiris."

They supposed that "Busiris" referred to a town of that name, once situated in the centre of the delta, and once capital of the ninth nome of Lower Egypt—where the general may have been born in.—Associated Press.

Australia Not Interested

Canberra, Feb. 20.

A "New York Times" report that Australia was negotiating to exchange wheat for seven thousand bales of raw silk from Japan brought an emphatic denial from Mr. J. B. Chifley, Australian Minister, to-day.

Commenting on the report, Mr. Chifley said: "All trading by Japan is controlled by the trading wing of the administration under General Douglas MacArthur.

"A proposal was made that Australia should trade wheat for Japanese silk. Australia is not prepared to trade wheat with Japan."—Reuter.

JAP. P.O.W. ESCAPES

Leading Seaman Kabayashi Motomum, 37, a patient in the mental ward of the Diocesan Boys' School Prisoners-of-War Camp has been missing since 11 p.m. on Tuesday.

He apparently escaped through a window at the back of his ward and has not yet been captured.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: — Light northerly winds, fine.

Yesterday's temperature:—

Maximum: — 78 degrees at 2 p.m.

Minimum: — 61 degrees at 6 a.m.

Canterbury Murder

London, Feb. 10.

The Canterbury Police last night questioned a civilian in connection with the death of twenty-one-year old Mrs. Lilian Miller, found strangled on a footpath at Canterbury. The civilian was later allowed to go home having satisfied the Police of his movements.

Mrs. Miller was returning from a dance when killed.

The woman's husband, Bill Miller, a former Canadian soldier, is expected to arrive on a plane from Canada.—Reuter.

BRENTWOOD TRAGEDY

BRENTWOOD, FEB. 20.

THE EXPLOSION OF A BOTTLE OF PETROL AND OIL MIXTURE WITH WHICH A WOMAN WAS ABOUT TO CLEAN HER HUSBAND'S TROUSERS, COST THE LIVES OF HERSELF AND TWO CHILDREN.

The woman was electrocuted when she seized a burned flex of a radio set. The children died of shock due to burns.

This was revealed at an inquest at Brentwood, on Mrs. Edna Smith, aged 26, and her two children, Priscilla aged four and two-month old Anthony.

The woman's husband, 26-year old Donald William Smith, railway porter, and their other child Michael, aged two, were badly burned.—Reuter.

SOAPS MADE OF HUMAN FATS

NUERNBERG, FEB. 20.

THE NAZIS, ALWAYS PRACTICAL, COOKED THE BODIES OF THEIR VICTIMS AND CONVERTED THE HUMAN FATS INTO SOAP FOR TOILET AND LAUNDRY USE IN A SPECIAL FACTORY AT DANZIG, THE SOVIET PROSECUTORS DISCLOSED TO THE INTERNATIONAL WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL ON TUESDAY.

MEMBERS OF THE TRIBUNAL, THE PRISONERS AND THE SPECTATORS IN THE COURTROOM, WHO HAD BEEN SHOWING ONLY BOREDOM AT THE CONTINUED ACCOUNTS OF GERMAN MASS SLAYINGS, SUDDENLY SAT UP RIGHT AND MANY TURNED PALE AS AN AFFIDAVIT OF A GERMAN ASSISTANT WHO HELPED TO BOIL DOWN THE BODIES AND WHO ADMITTED USING SOME OF THE SOAP, WAS READ.

The assistant told the Russian interrogators that a building called "the laboratory for the fabrication of human skeletons" was erected in the summer of 1943 at the Danzig Anatomical Institute. He said that the refining of human fat for soap began the following January.

At first the bodies obtained for the soap making came from a psychiatric hospital where the Nazis performed their usual euthanasia on mentally and physically unfit persons. Then the Institute received 400 decapitated bodies from the Koenigsberg Prison where the Nazis operated a guillotine.

A sample of the soap was introduced into the courtroom as evidence.

DEEPLY INTERESTED

The assistant testified that the Nazi officials and scientists were deeply interested in the soap-making experiment and many of them, including Doctor Conti, the one time Nazi Health Minister, whose suicide in Nuernberg was only recently disclosed, visited the laboratory.

The assistant told of personally boiling the fat from 40 male and female bodies, obtaining 70 to 80 kilograms of fat. He told the interrogators that he personally used 4 kilograms of the human soap for toilet and laundry purposes.

632,000 STARVE

Soviet prosecutors also told the International Military Tribunal that 632,000 residents of Leningrad perished of hunger during the 900-day siege of Russia's second largest city by the German Army.

An additional 16,000 were reported slain and more than 33,000 wounded by artillery fire and air bombardment.

The Russians said that at the height of the siege the daily ration of bread—the only available food—dropped to about 1/6th of an ounce.

90-MIN. HORROR FILM

Nuernberg, Feb. 20.

The Russian prosecution will conclude its case Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, bringing to an end more than three months of testimony against 21 defendants and six Nazi organizations indicted on charges of conspiracy, aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity.

The Russian prosecution said that new witnesses would be introduced for examination, and that special documentary films establishing German crimes of looting, pillage and wanton destruction of Soviet cities would be shown.

A three-day presentation of atrocities against Soviet citizens was concluded to-day with a 90-minute horror film including scenes of murder by strangulation, funeral pyres and shooting of millions of men, women and little children in one of the most gruesome spectacles ever witnessed.

ADJOURNMENT REFUSED

The International Military Tribunal here yesterday refused defence motions for a three-weeks' adjournment of the war crimes trial upon completion of the prosecution case.

Sir Geoffrey Lawrence, President of the Tribunal, said that arguments on the questions involving the trial of six Nazi organizations indicated as criminal groups will be heard as soon as the Russian prosecutors complete their case, probably within a week. Then the Tribunal will hold hearings on defence applications for summoning witnesses and producing documents required for the defence case.—Associated Press.

Collision Off Halifax

Halifax, Feb. 20.

Radio marine officials reported a collision 220 miles south-east of here between th British "Empire Maccallum" and the Norwegian freighter "Invken."

A signal from the "Maccallum" said that the ship had suffered slight damage but did not mention any damage to the "Invken" nor ask for assistance.—Associated Press.

M.V. "Orinoco" Hits Wreck

LONDON, FEB. 20.

THE SWEDISH MOTOR VESSEL "ORINOCO" CARRYING GENERAL CARGO AND 21 PASSENGERS FOR BUENOS AIRES, STRUCK THE SUBMERGED WRECK OF THE STEAMER "FLANDRES" OFF DOVER LAST NIGHT AND WAS HOLED BELOW THE WATER-LINE.

A large cargo of newsprint, stowed in one hold, was destroyed by water.

The sea was calm and the "Orinoco" cleared the wreck without trouble. After an examination by Lloyd's Agents at Dover it proceeded to London under its own power.—Associated Press.

Fatshan Sails To-day

For the first time since VJ Day, Hong Kong residents will to-day have restored the comfort and amenities of travel on large river steamers.

At 11 o'clock this morning, the s.s. "Fatshan" will leave on a "maiden voyage" for Canton, after a tie-up of over four years.

All saloon, 1st class and 2nd class passages have been booked, leaving only third class and steerage accommodation available.

In addition to a heavy list of passengers, she will carry about 450 tons of cargo, 400 tons of which consists of U.N.R.R.A. supplies.

KEYNES ACCEPTS

London, Feb. 20.

The British financial expert, Lord Keynes, has been appointed Governor of the International Monetary Fund and of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

He will shortly leave for the first meeting of the Governors of the Fund and of the Bank in the United States in March.—Reuter.

INJURED BY JEEP

A 22-year-old Chinese, Lau Shing-ki, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition, after being knocked down by a jeep in Queen's Road West, near Easterr Street, at about 9.35 p.m. last night.

The man received injuries to head and body.

CHARGE DENIED

Buenos Aires, Feb. 20.

Dr. Henrie Ruiz-Guiraldu, Argentine Foreign Minister, until 1943, denied to-day in a statement the allegations contained in the United States State Department memorandum concerning Argentine negotiations with Germany and repudiated its contents.—Reuter.

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Atomic Secrets

Nothing could have revealed more clearly the menace that lies in atomic bomb secrecy than the revelations of the Canadian Government espionage investigation. As Mr. Davies, ex-American Ambassador in Moscow, points out, it is useless to complain and stupid to be critical of the efforts of the Soviet Government to obtain information, by fair means or foul. In such a matter as this, ethics never were part of the game and honesty compels the admission that were roles reversed, both British and American agents would have been as active as it is possible to be in Soviet Russia. There is, in fact, no justification for recrimination. Rather the incident should promote earnest thought on all the implications, with attention seriously directed towards the wisdom of either sharing the knowledge immediately or hastening the work of the Committee which is to seek, as a preliminary, safeguards against the use of atomic energy for aggressive ends. That suspicion breeds suspicion has never been more painfully demonstrated. Anglo-American refusal to share the secret has converted Russia into a belligerently suspicious neighbour, trusting no-one. The shadow of the bomb has hung over ever international conference since Hiroshima. Russia's security neurosis which is causing so much alarm throughout the world is its direct product. General Eisenhower suggests that the malaise can be cured by patience and humour. But there's nothing funny about the atomic bomb.

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Poetic Form

It is something to be thankful for that in a period that offers a formidable choice of pressing topics, some of our readers are sparing a moment to discuss poetry. Not that there is any prospect that the advocates of the different schools will succeed in getting anywhere. The cleavage in outlook is too sharp for any result other than, perhaps, agreement to disagree, and outside judgment on the merits of the argument will almost certainly be equally divided in opinion. Some will defiantly uphold the lyric inspired by the beauty of tint and texture in a landscape, taking its tradition from Wordsworth, Tennyson, Shelley or Brooke, and others will not have their taste for the stronger pungencies of the "modern" poet challenged in any way. Surely the truth is that there is still a place for both, that the poet will respond to what stimulus is present according to the range and richness of his own sensibility, and that if there are any depths of feeling to vibrate the finer strings of consciousness, the pattern is of no more than of secondary interest. Can it be asserted that the discovery of significance is bounded by any shire or any theme? Surely not then by any theory of construction.

BRANCH OF CHINA ARMY COMMAND

A branch office of the Army Command, Canton, has been established in Hong Kong to exercise control over Chinese troops passing through, and also to act as liaison office with the local authorities.

Lieut.-General Ho Shai-lai has been appointed head of the branch office, with Colonel Lok Loi-tim as his chief assistant.

Eviction Application And "Shoe-Money"

THAT THE TENANCY TRIBUNAL HAD BEEN MISUSED, AS A MEANS FOR EXACTING "SHOE MONEY" FROM TENANTS, WAS REMARKED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TRIBUNAL, MR W. N. THOMAS TAM YESTERDAY WHEN HE REFUSED AN APPLICATION FOR EVICTION BROUGHT BY A LANDLORD.

THE APPLICATION WAS FILED BY LI TAI, LANDLORD OF THE FIRST FLOOR OF NO. 107 THOMSON ROAD, SEEKING POSSESSION OF THE PREMISES FROM THE OCCUPIERS, TSE TUNG MUI AND WONG TAK-WAH, ON THE GROUND THAT THEY WERE UNRECOGNISED TENANTS AND HAD FAILED TO PAY RENT.

Hearing of the application was before a Tribunal composed of Mr. Tam, Mr. Ngan Shing kwan and Mr. Luk Oi-wan.

The opponents resisted the application, claiming that applicant had refused to accept rent from them and that they entered into occupation of the premises in February, 1945. They further claimed that applicant had demanded shoe money of $300 as a condition for accepting them as tenants.

Evidence in support was given by Ip Wong, proprietor of the Cheng Li Company, tenant of the ground floor for over 10 years. He testified that the landlord had asked from him $400 for shoe money which was eventually agreed at $250.

Dismissing the application, the chairman said that the Tribunal found that the reasons of the applicant for seeking possession were false, and had been made with the object of exacting shoe money from the tenants.

ANOTHER APPLICATION

An application for eviction was brought before the same Tribunal by the Shiu Hing Company against Mak Che-kam, in respect of No. 137, Des Voeux Road Central, third floor.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, for applicants, said that on the pleadings before the Tribunal, opponent showed no ground to oppose the making of an order for eviction.

The premises were let to the On Lok Company and, during the occupation, opponent moved into possession. Opponent, Mr. Silva said, claimed to be a member of the On Lok and that the company was still in possession.

Mr. Silva said that Mak no longer made any claim to the premises as his tenancy was terminated by his ejection, during the occupation by a notorious Japanese-employed detective, Lai Yat-fai. Mr. Silva said that Mak had left a coolie on the premises in order to force the applicant to come to Court and fight the case.

Following evidence by Koo Shui-ting, proprietor of the Shiu Hing Company, hearing was adjourned to Friday afternoon.

JOCKEY'S CASE

Before a Tribunal comprising Messrs. Y. K. Kan, Kwok Chan and Chow Iu-nin, an application for eviction was brought by Li Po-chun against Ng Cheong-fai, amateur jockey, of No. 23, Yuk Sau Street, second floor.

Mr. W. C. Hung appeared for applicant, while Mr. E. S. C. Brooks was for opponent.

Applicant claimed that opponent had taken possession after the previous tenant, Tang Siu-woon, had vacated the premises, and without his consent.

Opponent's case was that he took over the house together with Tang, a fellow jockey, at the same time and had been in occupation since. Tang, opponent claimed, was still in occupation.

Hearing was adjourned to Tuesday, in order that Tang may be called to give evidence.

FAMINE THREAT IN CHINA

Chungking, Feb. 20.

Famine, which is already present in parts of China, may be worsened unless special steps are taken to control the release of 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 Chinese soldiers, whose demobilization is expected within the next 18 months, the Communist newspaper "New China Daily News" declared here to-day.

"If demobilised soldiers enter the rural areas, where peasants have lost their lands through exorbitant taxes, excessive rents, heavy debts and demands of feudalistic landlords, the prevailing famine will be aggravated," the paper said.

Mr. Lu Chung-ling, National Government envoy on his return from provincial tour recently, stated that Honan Province in Central China was threatened with starvation.

A U.N.R.R.A. report from Honan last month said 2,000,000 civilians, or one-sixth of the total population of the province, were threatened with death from famine.—Reuter.

Sheung Shui Rice Bribe

A Government rice retail shop foki, Cheng Kwong, was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday for giving a bribe of $1,000 to Sgt. L. S. Davison, No. 5 Commando, at Sheung Shui on Feb. 17.

Accused pleaded guilty and was fined $200. Inspector White stated that the defendant approached Sgt. Davison and Cpl. Prangle and offered them $1,000. The intention was to stop the two from continuing their investigations into black market rice in Sheung Shui. The bribe of $1,000 was ordered to be returned to the accused.

Praya Arrest

A Chinese claiming to be a travelling trader from Swatow, was arrested in Connaught Road Central near the O.S.K. Wharf at about 9.30 p.m. last night, in possession of a .32 Smith and Wesson revolver and eight rounds of ammunition.

The man was stopped and searched by a Chinese Revenue Officer. A fully loaded five-chambered revolver was concealed in his girdle. Three additional rounds were found in his pocket.

He told the police that the gun was given to him by a man named Chung, who paid him to deliver the weapon in Hong Kong.

A wallet containing CN$6,000 and HK$20 was found in his possession.

He was detained for further enquiries.

CARGO PROBLEM

The master of the motor junk "Fat Jin", Mak Kwan, was charged before Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday with carrying 45 passengers without a permit. A fine of $100 was imposed.

Inspector Forster, who prosecuted, told the Court that A/B. Whitehead, of the Water Police patrol, stopped defendent's junk on Tuesday and found 45 persons on board. Accused said that they were the owners of the cargo on board.

Mr. Latimer suggested that the matter of carrying owners with cargo be taken up with the Licensing Board.

R.A.F. DEMOB. BROADCAST

On Sunday, Feb. 24, Z.B.W. Hong Kong will be relaying from London a talk by the Under-Secretary of State for Air, Mr. John Strachey, from 9.05 to 9.15 p.m. This talk is mainly on demobilisation and will contain detailed answers to R.A.F. questions about release speed, the release rules for different trades and services, shipping, GI brides, and other matters of particular interest to servicemen all over the world. The relay will be on 649 kilocycles and 9.52 megacycles per sec.

Hong Kong Represented

London, Feb. 20.

The food delegations from India, Ceylon, South Africa, Malaya, Hong Kong, Borneo, New Zealand and Australia, now in London, are to meet to-morrow morning as a "Cereals Committee".

This was announced to-day by the British Minister of Food, Sir Ben Smith, after he had met the Indian food delegation.

He added that the demands of the Committee would have to go before the Combined Food Board in Washington.—Reuter.

Man Forced To Strip

Three Chinese, armed with a revolver, an automatic pistol and a hand grenade, entered No. 538, Shanghai Street, the Chi Lo Barber Shop, at about 7.30 p.m. last night, and got away with money and jewellery to the value of $600.

The men gained entrance by pretending that they were customers. The occupants were forced into the kitchen. A woman friend of the proprietor, who was not aware of the robbers' presence, was robbed of her jewellery and money when she entered the flat.

Another robbery occurred on the staircase of No. 456, Reclamation Street, when a tea shop foki, Lo Lee, was stripped off his suit and a wrist watch, by four unarmed men about 2.15 p.m. yesterday.

Lo was grapped by the neck by one of the men and taken into the staircase of the above address, and forced to strip.

Wo Ping Boarding House Incident

Further details of the attempted suicide of Pang Chau-kin at the Wo Ping Boarding House on Tuesday was revealed by the police yesterday.

Pang is believed to be a deserter from the Chinese Army.

On Tuesday, he was arrested by two Chinese in military uniforms said to be Chinese soldiers, who took him to the Wo Ping Boarding House and tied him up in Room No. 405 on the third floor. Pang managed to break loose, freed himself and jumped over the verandah.

He suffered the fracture of both legs and was in a very serious condition when admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

CN ACTIVITY ON MARKET

There was a fair volume of business done in Chinese national currency yesterday. Futures opened at HK$3.17 to CN$1,000 and after dropping to $3.07, buyers came in with the result that the rate at one time touched $3.32, receiving to $3.20 at the close. Spot transactions opened at $3.55 and closed at $3.60.

Gold dropped 10 points as compared with the previous day. Opening at $537 per tael it fell to $526 at the close.

U.S. dollars have buyers at $5.90, and English Sterling and Australian pounds at $18.30 and $12.80 respectively.

U.S. Army Medal For British Officer

A BRITISH ARMY OFFICER ATTACHED TO H.Q. LAND FORCES, HONG KONG, WHO SAVED THE LIVES OF TWO AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE IN DANGER OF DROWNING AT BANGALORE LAST JUNE, YESTERDAY MORNING WAS DECORATED WITH THE SOLDIER'S MEDAL, AN AMERICAN ARMY AWARD.

The officer is Major H. M. R. Hodgman, G.S.O. 2 (Sigs.), and the investiture was carried out by Col. G. R. Hayman, U.S. Army at Flagstaff House in the presence of the G.O.C. (Major-General F. W. Festing, C.B.E., D.S.O.) detachments of the No. 1 Commandos and Royal Signals, and a representative body of officers of H.Q. Land Forces.

The award was made by the Commanding General, United States Forces, India-Burma Theatre, and the citation accompanying it read:

"Major Herbert Malcolm Robert Hodgman, Royal Signals, British Army. For heroism near Belandur Tank, Bangalore, India, on June 24, 1945. Observing a sinking boat about 50 yards from the dam, Major Hodgman, despite his poor swimming abilities, and at the risk of his own life in the choppy waters and high winds, entered the water and brought the nearest man, an American soldier, to the bank. Once again he entered the water and reached a second American enlisted man just as he was going down, and in face of the choppy water and high wind, brought him successful to shore. The heroism displayed by Major Hodgman, reflects great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the Allied Nations."

PICKPOCKET GAOLED

Wong Yan, 30, unemployed, was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday for stealing $3.50 from a Chinese in Des Voeux Road Central outside the Wing On Company. Inspector H. Sell prosecuted.

Readers' Letters

RUSSIA'S PRESSURE

Sir,—The collapse of the most powerful war organisations created by Germany and Japan has failed to bring forth the fruit of national security to its full blooming. To-day a cloud of another worldly conflagration is gathering. Unless it is dispersed or halted in time by the concentrated efforts of all peace-loving nations, the flaming sparks of new aggression extinguished by the bluntly strong stand of the modern Turkish Power, may ignite the loosely-tied combination of the Allied Powers through the unpreparedness of China.

As far as China is concerned, the billions of the peace-loving industrious common people of China, except a very small percentage of selfish scholars and politicians and dissatisfied soldiers, heartily support the policy of our Pacific National Government to build a wall of security in China with the sincere and generous co-operation of all Allied Powers that believe the importance of maintaining the independence of China as a barometer of peace in Far East. Any individual nation, no matter how powerful it may be, must not be allowed to commit any acts of violation of the security law which concerns China.

The nation that indulges in the violation of the security of China by its own agressive acts or by its puppet Fifth Column Forces commanded by selfish Chinese soldiers supported by short-sighted students and power-hunting parasites, is really undermining the foundation of its own well-being. It is indeed deplorable that the down fall of the military-prepared Germany and Japan should have failed to act as a mirror of reflection which clearly demonstrates to all men of commonsense that aggression by military force is only digging the grave of the aggressor. The new aggressor has evidently overlooked the new trained strength of China and the combined new scientific strengths of China's supporters: If that new aggressor continues to adopt unfriendly acts against China I can foretell that it will suffer the fate of Nazi Germany twice faster. Unprepared as China is to-day, the well-trained Chinese forces by American military experts, which had already shown their fighting power in the recovery of Burma and Kweilin strongly defended by the crack divisions of Japan, now fully supported by the overwhelming majority of the ever-industrious and intelligent common people of China, in addition to the moral and material support of all wordly Powers that love peace, will be definitely too much powerful for that new aggressor to cope with singly by its already weakened war strength.

China to-day is no longer a nation that can be easily intimidated to yield itself to the show of a major force. What the combined forces of both Germany and Japan had failed to overcome the latent power of reaction that brought their ultimate destruction and instead of establishing their New Order dreams to control all other nations under their grip, bringing out unceasing days of disgrace and suffering to their own innocent common peoples, how could a new aggressive nation dare simply committing acts of violation against the security of China, now the Barometer of Peace in Far East? I sincerely hope that the wise and thoughtful leaders of that new aggressive nation which engenders evil designs against the security of China will quickly realize its blunder of aggression, which, in the long run, will simply repeat the mistakes of the greedy and aggressive Japanese militarists, who have brought shame and disgrace to their Emperor and their innocent common people. Meanwhile I sincerely hope that all the peace-loving nations would halt their narrow-minded politicians and economists from further wasting their energy in the work of discrimination between well-known peace-loving nations. A discriminating policy as preferred by some short-sighted politicians is not only undermining its own security as a peace-loving nation, but also is sowing seeds of discord between peace-loving nations, which will ultimately cause itself to be the lamb of the blood-thirsting Monster on the look-out for aggression.

However, there will be little chance for any new aggressor to disturb the peace and security of all peace-loving nations, if America, Britain and China can sincerely work together as life partners as they were when the peace and security of the world was at the mercy of the world's strongest team of military aggressors. Let all the intelligent common peoples of the three nations pull together as pals of distress in war, and stop all acts of discrimination, commercially or socially between themselves. That is the right policy to stop the birth of any aggressor, not the Atomic Bomb.

A CHINESE OBSERVER.

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MODERN POETRY

Sir,—If I "leaped into print with breath taking impetuosity" it was because of my youth. The anonymous "Philosophia" lines and stumbles with the heaviness of a pedantry at least middle-aged.

"Crabbed age and youth cannot live together," and I doubt whether your correspondent will ever achieve the new attitude. I am amazed to find I am unfortunate enough to possess a "poetic appreciation going no further than the pre-war Auden." It would be intriguing if "Philosophia" were to tell us who has succeeded in removing Auden from his present position as leader and progenitor. All present new writing of any worth is inspired by the vivid reality of image, the strong emphatic rhythmic basis which Auden perfected in the 1930's.

And could "Philosophia" be a little more explicit.... If Auden is a "revolutionary of to-day who will be a reactionary of to-morrow" is it not the same with all revolutionaries.... And revolutions and revolutionaries, he must agree are necessary for a development. The Lake Poets and Shelley and Keats were all revolutionaries (and all sneered at by the Philosophias, the Crabbe followers of their day). They were the firebrands, the iconoclasts of the Romantic Revolution.

Auden, Spender, Day Lewis, Macneice, (call them the "Pylon School" after Spender's well-known poem) completed the present day poetical revolution begun by Eliot and Ezra Pound and to a lesser extent by Yeats. The Georgian School (Brooke, Masefield and the other vicarage poets) have been ridiculed and overthrown with every reason.

"Philosophia" suggests I am ignorant of the manner in which the Georgians and their present-day imitators (the disease is quickly dying out) manufacture their sugar cakes. The recipe is not difficult.... On the subject of themes let's compile a clean, respectable list. Take any of the following: England, the Empire and dying for it with noble gesture, green and sylvan beauty, calm, prosperous living with no financial worries the vicar and tea on the vicarage lawn. Every thing deliciously bourgeois and old maidish with absolutely nothing suggesting vulgarity.

Such are the themes but what of the treatment. Well, use something pretty or pleasant or well bred, something that will not jar on those old maids' ears. So use iambics, preferably in pentameters, with a nice simple rhyme pattern.

I only wish I had some Georgian verse to hand at the moment. It would be a pleasure to mutilate rather than scratch that glossy surface.

"Death Water" is, of course, not a "supreme" example of new writing and was not intended as such. The context, surely, made that sufficiently obvious. It was simply a specimen of the new treatment and new thematic material employed. I am gratified that "Philosophia" appreciates the assonantal rhymes. But what does he mean by "the words are too subservient whereas they should themselves make the music of the modern poem." This is nonsensical. Surely the statement applies to all and not only modern poetry. And, in any case, in Death Water, too emphatic a word music could not be well reconciled with the theme. Perhaps "Philosophia" would prefer an iambic pentameter....

Finally, I am fully aware that the main question to-day is the next development of the "Pylon School." It was disgust at that nostalgic Cambridge pastoral which moved me to an attack on the Georgian old maids. I will not retract.

What does "Philosophia" think will come next?

The answer lies in a modification of Auden's, at times, rather forced obscurity, with, in its place, the intense lyricism of Alun Lewis.

This will be the new poetry, the result of a revolution as important and as far reaching as that which came at the beginning of the last century.

K. S. HOPKINS.

DUD REVOLVER

Three months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed on Wong Loi, found guilty by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday of the unlawful possession of a .38 Iver Johnson revolver.

Wong was searched by Chinese detectives in Temple Street and an unloaded revolver was found on him. As the weapon was not in a serviceable condition and not loaded, the police told the Court that they did not take a serious view of the offence.

Detective-Inspector Drury prosecuted.

TALLYMAN CHARGED

A 35-year-old tallyman, Liu Siu-ki, was charged with possession of two rifles on board a motor junk at Connaught Road Central near the Chuen On Wharf on Feb. 17, before Mr. C. Y. Kwan at the Summary Military Court yesterday.

Defendant was arrested on information and was remanded three days for further enquiries.

Dr. Sun Fo Arrives

DR. SUN FO, PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN, ARRIVED IN THE COLONY SHORTLY AFTER 11 A.M. YESTERDAY BY SPECIAL PLANE FROM CANTON, ACCOMPANIED BY HIS SON, MR. SUN CHI-PING, DR. WAN YUEN-NING, DR. CHUNG KAI-FAI AND HIS SECRETARY, MR. TSANG.

His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, was at the airfield to meet the distinguished visitor, and a host of friends and representatives of local organisations gathered at Queen's Pier to extend him a warm welcome.

Last night Dr. Sun Fo stayed at Government House as the guest of His Excellency.

He is expected to have a busy round of social calls and functions during his four-day visit here.

To-day he will visit "Duke of York" in response to an invitation from Admiral Lord Fraser, and this evening at 7 p.m. he will be the guest of honour at a large dinner party at the Hong Kong Hotel given by the Chinese community.

To-morrow morning at 10 a.m., he will receive friends and visitors at the Peninsula Hotel, and the next day, he will take off for Macao, where he is expected to stay for a couple of days before proceeding to his native village.

General Cohen Here On Visit

General Morris Cohen was an arrival yesterday with Dr. Sun Fo's party from Canton. In Hong Kong at the time of the commencement of the Pacific War in December, 1941, he was interned at Stanley for 21 months and was then repatriated to Canada.

Since his return to Canada, General Cohen has visited the United States and England. He returned to China via India a little over a week ago and has spent four days in Chungking and three in Canton. He is here for a short visit, but expects to be here again soon.

MERC. BANK DIVIDEND

The local branch of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, has been advised telegraphically by London Office that a second interim dividend of 3%, less tax, has again been declared and that no further dividend will be paid for the year 1945.

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CLOSURE OF FAR EASTERN SHIPPING AGENCIES

The last day of business of Far Eastern Shipping Agencies (except for accounting) will be Saturday, 2nd March. Thereafter all ships' business will be transacted by the respective individual Owners' Agents.

The Accounting Department will remain in the present Accounts Office on the first floor, Union Building, to deal with accounting matters that have arisen prior to 2nd March.

FRANCE MAKES HISTORY

Ready For Limitation Of Sovereignty

Jap Fishing Vessels Barred

Washington, Feb. 20.

Japanese fishing vessels are barred from areas near United States territory or its "island possessions" as per a directive of the Joint Chiefs-of-Staff covering Japanese fishing industry, the State Department announced yesterday. The directive was issued to General MacArthur effective last November but was not previously released for security reasons.

The directive also bars Japanese fishing vessels from areas under allied jurisdiction without prior permission from the countries concerned.

The order authorises the export of fish products in excess of what is needed for domestic consumption, to supply United Nations requirements or secure foreign exchange.

The Supreme Commander is also directed to obtain data from the Japanese concerning the Pacific fishing areas they formerly exploited to determine the effect of restrictive security measures on the Japanese food supply and extent that the United States and other nations may be able to exploit these areas.—Associated Press.

Sirdar Singh's Argument

New York, Feb. 20.

Sirdar J. Singh, President of the India League in America, yesterday said that as "long as Britain remains in the saddle in India, measures of nationalisation or municipalisation or introduction of democratic controls in its industry is very nearly impossible."

Singh said that all sections of India "agree there must be planning and a large measure of social control over these plannings" and added that freedom for India would "release the energies of our leaders enabling them to make their full contribution towards building up an economy based on more equitable distribution of the world's resources."—Associated Press.

HUNGARIAN PRIMATE IN ROME

Rome, Feb. 20.

The number of Cardinals in Rome for the week's ceremonies was raised to 30 to-day with the belated arrival of the Hungarian Primate Mindszenthy, delayed by Russian exit permit postponements.

The dignitaries spent the morning receiving formal "ad calorem" visits of top-hatted, berribboned diplomats to the Holy See, colleagues in the Sacred College, Roman aristocrats, Vatican functionaries and other dignitaries.

After to-morrow's ceremony, when they will have received the insignia of their office, they will start repaying calls, a procedure expected to occupy most of their spare time for the rest of the week.

Meanwhile, the Pope gave audiences to four old cardinals.

The Vatican continued the strict control of visitors begun a few days ago in view of the coming consistories. All comers had to show an invitation from some Vatican official and disclose his business.

When the new cardinals will go to the Vatican for to-morrow's ceremony it will be the first time they will enter its ancient portals with their new rank and the first time they will receive the honours due them from the brightly uniformed Papal Guard, Swiss Guard and gendarmes.—Associated Press.

U.S. APPOINTMENTS

Washington, Feb. 20.

The Senate yesterday confirmed the appointment of George E. Allen, intimate of President Truman, as director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and passed an appropriation Bill after deleting the funds for the White House addition wanted by the President.

The Senate confirmed two other Presidential appointments, including W. John Kenney as Assistant Secretary of the Navy.—Associated Press.

CARDINAL'S HEALTH

Vatican City, Feb. 20.

Hospital attendants yesterday reported that the condition of Jose, Cardinal Rodriguez of Chile, who is suffering from bronquial pneumonia was somewhat improved on Tuesday morning.—Associated Press.

Clause In New Constitution

PARIS, FEB. 20.

FOR PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME IN THE ANNALS OF GOVERNMENT THE LAWMAKING BODY OF A NATION HAS PROPOSED A CONSTITUTIONAL DECLARATION OF A COUNTRY'S WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO THE LIMITATIONS OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY "FOR THE ORGANISATION AND DEFENSE OF PEACE."

THAT IS THE SUBSTANCE OF ARTICLE 3 IN THE FIRST FOUR ARTICLES OF A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE COMING FOURTH REPUBLIC OF FRANCE, ADOPTED IN THE COMMITTEE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY AND ULTIMATELY TO THE PEOPLE.

Following is the text of the four draft articles:

Article I: France is an indivisable, democratic and social Republic.

Article II: The National sovereignty belongs to the French people. It is exercised in conformity with the constitution.

Article III: Respect for international law is an obligation of the French nation and its representatives. Under conditions of reciprocity France is ready to agree to limitations of sovereignty which would be necessary for the organisation and defense of peace.

Article IV: The French people exercises its sovereignty by its representatives which it elects by universal, legal, direct and secret suffrage.

"However, the form of constitution adopted by the French people cannot be modified except by means of a referendum."

The word "legal" was inserted in article 4 by a 22 to 15 vote.—Associated Press.

BOMBAY INCIDENT

Bombay, Feb. 20.

The British Army Public Relations Office to-day said that some demonstrators attacked several British and Indian officers with clubs. The cause was not clear but some observers expressed belief that the attack might have started in sympathy with the sit-down strike staged yesterday by 1,000 men of the Indian Air Force in demand for better rations and revision of pay and allowances.

(A Reuter's dispatch from Bombay said Gandhi told his followers yesterday that "India has been looted" and that government should "exercise greater care" in controlling the conduct of American and British troops.

Ghandi was quoted as saying "British and American troops came here to fight Japan. What I told them in 1942 and what I repeat now is that they should have considered the service of India as their prime consideration. But unfortunately India has been looted. Whether this loot was deliberate or merely accidental I cannot say.")—Associated Press.

SIGNIFICANT MADRID INCIDENT

Madrid, Feb. 20.

The simple mechanics by which the student Falange demonstrations are called on and off were revealed during a Falange parade when an Associated Press correspondent was forced to salute in the Fascist style.

The newsman, Carl Hartman, arrived at the Ministry of Education building a few minutes after some 2,000 students began demonstrating their loyalty to General Franco along the city's Central Avenue.

Hartman watched from the balcony of the Ministry and was hooted and jeered when he failed to give the salute to the passing throng below. A detached group then entered the building, breaking a glass door, and forced Hartman onto the balcony where they held his arm in salute.

Plainclothesmen rescued the newsman, and apologies came from the Falangist leader and on behalf of the Ministry. At the same time, the demonstration ended on order from a Falange leader who called in an aide and said:

"Tell the boys downstairs they can go home to lunch now. It is getting late."

Within a few minutes, Hartman reported, the demonstration had gone.—Associated Press.

SPANISH PILGRIMS

London, Feb. 20.

A Vatican radio broadcast heard here to-day said that a group of 200 Spanish pilgrims arrived in Rome to-day.

This is the first group of pilgrims from distant countries to come to the Vatican City, the broadcast said. They are scheduled to be received by the Pope on Wednesday, the report added.—Associated Press.

Tientsin, Feb. 20.

Brig.-General Walter Farrel to-day replaced Brig.-General B. F. Johnson as deputy-commander of the First Marine Air Wing stationed at Tsingtao. Johnson is returning to the United States.—Associated Press.

Argentine Tries To Reply

Buenos Aires, Feb. 18.

The Argentine Government, denying the United States charge that it failed to expel Axis agents, said to-day that within the past four months the courts had decreed the expulsion of 55 foreigners and that 62 "enemy agents" are now under arrest and their activities under investigation.

A communique explained that all these Axis agents who failed to sail as scheduled in a United States ship last December were not deported because the Court had issued writs of *habeas corpus*.

It also said that Britain and the United States, on January 14, submitted a list of 100 persons described as "most dangerous Axis agents."

Of that number, 98 were disposed of as follows, the communique said: 40 have been presented to the courts for action, one ordered to be deported, 38 deported on Saturday, one Argentina citizen not deportable, 9 naturalised Argentines whose citizenship first must be revoked, one naturalised Chilean and 8 under investigation. The two others were reported in July, 1944, and one already was under the jurisdiction of the courts.

The communique said that the "Blue Book" statements have "erroneous and constitute an imputation which has no real basis."—Associated Press.

Naval Training School At Tsingtao

SHANGHAI, FEB. 20.

UP THE CHINA COAST AT TSINGTAO, THE UNITED STATES IS RUNNING A NAVAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE CHINESE WITH LANDING SHIPS (L.S.T.'S) WHICH ARE BEING TRANSFERRED TO CHINA'S NEW NAVY.

It's small stuff now, but the Chinese hope for the emergence of a sea-going force with power to control her far-flung coast and waters.

There are now only a few L.S.T.'s at the Chinese Naval Training Centre, which was opened on Dec. 21 under the supervision of the U.S. 7th Fleet Commander. But as fast as more Chinese are trained, the U.S. Navy will turn over more L.S.T.'s. Since the training programme is set to run indefinitely, China might acquire quite a number.

The L.S.T.'s are 327 feet long with a laden weight of 4,080 tons and are just the ticket for coast and river patrol and general hauling.

Later, other U.S. amphibious craft, such as L.C.I.'s (Landing Craft Infantry) and L.C.S.'s (Landing Craft, Support) will be used in the training programme.

Six days a week, 36 Chinese officers and 200 men board the L.S.T.'s for instruction in navigation and operation.

They see no confidential U.S. Navy equipment, nor do they get instruction in such high-class American techniques as radar and gun control, but what they learn is thorough and adequate.

An American officer is assigned to each Chinese officer and an enlisted man to each Chinese sailor. They stay together during all classes, while a dozen interpreters surmount the language barrier.

After a couple of months of training, the Chinese will be ready to take the ships to sea alone.—Associated Press.

MOB RIOT IN HAITI

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Feb. 20.

All stores, offices and schools in the business district closed yesterday after a mob had ransacked a shoe store.

Police said the disturbance occurred after the mob was told that jobs on the large public works programme were insufficient to meet their demands for work.—Associated Press.

READER'S DIGEST IN JAPANESE

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

It is announced that the Reader's Digest is authorised to publish a Japanese language edition in Japan. It may employ Japanese technical personnel under contract for Japanese printing but it may not convert funds received into foreign currency or send such remittances abroad.—Associated Press.

HITLER HAD LOST HOPE

FRANKFURT, FEB. 20.

HITLER AND EVA BRAUN DECIDED ALMOST TWO WEEKS BEFORE BERLIN FELL THAT THE RUSSIANS WOULD NEVER CAPTURE THEM ALIVE, A LETTER FROM EVA TO HER SISTER DISCLOSED.

The United States Headquarters released the letter written last April 23 from he air-raid bunker of the Reich's Chancellory where the newly married couple are reported to have committed suicide.

Eva's letter to her sister, Gretl Braun Fegelin, reflected the despair that gripped Hitler and his wistful hope that resistance might somehow continue.

"The Fuehrer himself has lost all hope of a desirable conclusion. It goes without saying, however, that we will not let ourselves be captured alive," the letter said.—Associated Press.

Gen. Marshall Not Leaving China

Washington, Feb. 20.

Secretary of States Byrnes said that there was no truth to report that General George Marshall, special envoy to China, was returning to this country.

Byrnes said also that the United States plans to make public information about Spain which it obtains from captured German documents. The United States will continue to ship tires, farm machinery and other equipment to Argentina, the Secretary said, because President Truman requested that Argentina increase its shipments of wheat to Europe.—Associated Press.

Paper Coffins In Germany

Berlin, Feb. 20.

With wood desperately needed for fuel, many German undertakers are using paper instead of wood or metal coffins.

One funeral director wrote for information about paper "for packing up corpses."

Some funeral directors dignifiedly place the corpse in the coffin for church services and the ceremony at the grave. After the mourners depart, the body is taken out and the coffin recovered for further use.—Associated Press.

THE ATOMIC AGE WAR: A PROPHECY

Washington, Feb. 20.

The atomic age war will explode with an airborne strike across the North Pole from the industrial heart of one nation against the industrial heart of another, Major Alexander de Seversky said.

The aviation authority foresaw no end to wars and predicted that the next victory would be achieved through air superiority and guided missiles.

He warned against too great a confidence in the possession of the atomic bomb, asserting that we would "have to assume control of the air before we can use the atomic bomb."

De Seversky predicted that jet propelled planes would make intermediate air bases unnecessary and said that defensive electronic devices would prevent guided missiles from getting through in large numbers. But he asserted that to win, the enemy's electronic power must first be destroyed.—Associated Press.

Truman Aide's Grim Picture

Washington, Feb. 19.

Chester Bowles, President Truman's new Economic Stabiliser, said that it would be difficult to exaggerate "the gravity of the inflationary crisis" faced by the United States.

He told Congress while expressing confidence in the new wage price policy that "a speculative fever has taken hold of the country."

Bowles compared the danger to the pressure in a boiler reaching bursting point, and declared that it would take "firm decisive action if we are to hold this country on an even keel."

He predicted that the wage price policy of the administration would work with little or no inflationary effect on food, rents and clothing if inflationary tendencies elsewhere are not permitted to break through.—Associated Press.

Trial Of Grand Mufti Demanded

Cleveland, Feb. 20.

The American conference which was established during the war for emergency assistance to the Jews has adopted a resolution calling for the trial of Armin en Husseini, former Grand Mufti of Jerusalem, as a war criminal and a Nazi collaborator.

Still other resolutions were adopted which condemned the British for giving up their mandate over Transjordan, and an "attempt to deny the rightful entry of Jews into Palestine."—Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 20.

At General MacArthur's request a group of American educators leaves San Francisco on Friday to serve as advisers in the demilitarisation and reorientation of the Japanese educational system.—Associated Press.

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22 Americans Sought For Alleged Treason

Washington, Feb. 20.

Attorney-General Tom Clark yesterday disclosed that Department of Justice investigators in Europe are on the trial of 22 Americans suspected of wartime treason.

He said he plans to send a special emissary to speed the collection of evidence against these suspects and that six others have already been indicted for treason.

He said investigations are under way in Germany and former Nazi dominated countries and that the suspects will be returned to Washington to face a United States tribunal.—Associated Press.

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Wing Lee	23, Tai Wong St., East, H.K.
Sun Loong	7, Sun Street, Wanchai, H.K.
Chuen Kee Ho	60, Tai Yuen Street, H.K.
Chan Sin Po	418, Des Voeux Road, W., H.K.
Cheong Hing Co.	29, Gilman Street, 1st fl., H.K.
Chew Lee Building Contractor	67A, Des Voeux Road, C., H.K.
Wang Cheong Co.	24, Russell Street, grd. fl., H.K.
H.K. Engineering & Construction Co., Ltd.	St. George's Bldg., 2nd fl., H.K.
H.K. Tramways Ltd.	Bowrington Canal Road, E., H.K.
H.K. Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	Bank of East Asia Bldg., 2nd fl.
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	Exchange Building.
Kong Wing Chong	1, Hong Lock St., grd. fl., K'loon.
Yau Shun & Co.	175, Tung Choi St., grd. fl., K'loon
Hip Cheong Engineering Works	KM.L.48, Pitt Street, Kowloon.
Yick Lung	75, Temple Street, Kowloon
Lau Ki Kee	183, Kilung Street, grd. fl., K'loon
Kiu Kong & Co.	9, Li Chi Street, H.K.
Yan Cheong & Co.	20, Li Chit Street, H.K.
Yiu Sing Chow Kee	397, Hennessy Road, H.K.
Ying Kee	24, High Street, grd. fl., H.K.
Tai Hing	263, Wanchai Road, H.K.
Wing On Co., Ltd.	Des Voeux Road, C., H.K.
Lai Chiu Kee	315, Portland Street, Kowloon
Cheung Lee Co.	7, Peiho Street, Kowloon
Cheung Hing Co.	102, Wosung Street, Kowloon

(This list should be kept for reference)

J. FORBES, Lt.-Col.
Water Authority.

NAAFI/EFI CLUB ENTERTAINMENTS
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FOR OTHER RANKS
IN THE RESTAURANT NIGHTLY
MUSIC BY
RAYMOND LUI
& HIS
HAWAIIAN BAND

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& HIS
MELODY MAKERS

Gloucester Officers' Club
DINNER DANCE NIGHTLY
TO
LITVIN
AND HIS ORCHESTRA

Peninsula Officers' Club
IN THE ROSE ROOM
7.00—9.30
DINNER DANCING
TO
ARMANDO SANTOS
and his
BAND
SUPPER & DANCING
9.30 to Mid-night
To
ART CARNEIRO
& HIS
NAAFI/ENSA ORCHESTRA

JAPANESE STILL ARROGANT
Experience Of American Search Team In Tonkin

Travelling Armed To Teeth

(By Stan Swinton).

HANOI, FEB. 20.

SCATTERED AMIDST THE MOUNTAINS AND JUNGLES OF TONKIN CHINA ARE THE CLUES TO A DRAMATIC HUMAN RIDDLE—THE FATE OF 500 U.S. ARMY AND NAVY FLIERS WHO DISAPPEARED ON STRIKES AGAINST THE JAPANESE IN THIS REMOTE CORNER OF THE WORLD.

OFFICIALLY THEY ARE "MISSING IN ACTION" BUT AN UNCEASING EFFORT CONTINUES TO FIT TOGETHER THE MISSING PIECES IN EACH TRAGIC PUZZLE. THE U.S. ARMY HAS SENT A SPECIALLY-TRAINED SEARCH TEAM HERE — MS IT HAS TO SCORES OF DISTANT PLACES FROM THE ITALIAN APPENINES TO THE CRAGS OF THE HUMP—SO THAT KINFOLK STILL HOPING AGAINST HOPE ULTIMATELY CAN LEARN WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR MISSING SONS AND HUSBANDS.

Carefully recorded on file cards are the scant scraps of information which the Army possesses on the fate of each flier—names, plane numbers and sometimes comrades' reports of a parachute blossoming out as a crippled plane hurtled earthward.

The task of the search team, which is commanded by Capt. John I. Farris of La Grande, Oregon, is to fill in the blanks. Sometimes this is done by trips into the wilderness where planes are known to have gone down.

The teams travel armed to the teeth for it is dangerous to venture outside the city in this stormy region where armed soldiers of the revolutionary Annamite Republic of Viet Nam, thousands of disarmed French, large numbers of Japanese prisoners and the Chinese occupation armies go their various ways.

ARROGANT NIPS

"We're neutral," is the favorite phrase of the Americans as they contact all sides in an effort to track down the missing fliers. The main stumbling block is the Japanese. Still arrogant in defeat, they furnish information grudgingly. The latest instance was the bland statement by a Japanese commander who said:

"Yes, we captured the four fliers you are seeking to trace. However I was busy at the time so I just set them free and let them go along."

The Americans know such statements are lies but since the United States is not the occupying power here nothing can be done about it.

H.K. GIRL ASSISTS

In their dealings with the French the Americans until recently had the assistance of Monica Arnoux, a skilled interpreter. Recently she returned to her former home in Hong Kong, however.

The great hope of the search team is that someday they will find a flier alive somewhere in the back country.

Meanwhile, they continue to press their searches—combating the dangers of the jungle while revolution seethes around them.

Their work has been capped with success. Recently they recovered the bodies of 10 Allied airmen, including a member of the Royal Australian Air Force.—Associated Press.

BRIDGE NOTES

To-day's bridge swindle is contributed by W. Vernon Tietjen, of St. Louis, Mo. The hand is especially interesting because it is a combination of crime and swindle:

South, Dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

	S. 8 7 2 H. 7 5 4 2 D. K C. K Q 4 3 2	
S. Q 10 4 H. K J 9 8 D. A 10 9 2 8 7 C. 6	N W E S	S. K J 9 6 H. Q 10 3 D. 6 4 2 C. J 10 9
	S. A 5 3 H. A 6 D. Q J 5 3 C. A 8 7 5	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 C.	1 D.	2 C.	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the eight of hearts, East played the Queen, and Mr. Tietjen, playing the South hand, played low. The ten of hearts was returned and South took the heart Ace. Declarer was pretty sure that West had only a four-card heart suit so was not afraid to lose three hearts and the Ace of diamonds. As a matter of fact, South was anxious to lose the heart tricks because of the club situation!

The trouble with the clubs was that if they broke 3-1 (as was to be expected from the fact that West had bidm diamonds and had led from a four-card heart suit), the eight of clubs would have to win the fourth trick in the suit; and then there would be no way to get back to dummy to win the fifth club. But South avoided this trouble by leading a diamond at the third trick, practically inviting West to step up with the diamond Ace and take two heart tricks. West did just that; and South discarded a club on one of West's hearts. That unblocked the suit, so South was able to win the rest of the tricks as soon as West got through with the heart tricks.

The crime was West's. Had he been exceptionally astute, he would have divined South's intention and shifted to a spade after taking the diamond Ace. That would have led to the defeat of the contract.

* * *

Yesterday you were Merwin Maier's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

S.—A K 9 6.
H.—7 3 2
D.—6 4
C.—A K 10 4

The bidding:

Maier	Jacoby	You	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1 C.	Pass
1 S.	Pass	(?)	

Answer: Bid two spades. The important thing about this hand is not to get excited about the top cards in both black suits. Even if the black suits are solid (which is not certain), you still have five worthless red cards; and there can be no game unless your partner, with some red-suit strength, can make another bid.

Score 100 per cent for two spades, 80 per cent for three spades, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION

To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S.—A K 9 6
H.—7 3 2
D.—6
C.—A K 10 4 3

The bidding:

Burnstone	Schenken	You	Jacoby
Pass	Pass	1 C.	Pass
1 S.	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer To-morrow).

Red Army Fashions

Moscow, Feb. 20.

Master jewellers of Russia have been commissioned to make golden plated swords of the finest steel adorned with precious stones for the Red Army high commands.

A Tass agency dispatch from Leningrad yesterday said that Ivan Uvorov who assembled the map of the U.S.S.R. in precious stones for the World's Fair in Paris is in charge of the work.—Associated Press.

Production Boost Sought

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The Kyodo News Agency said that the Government is planning to take "positive steps" to increase production. Such a decision is said to have been reached in a Cabinet meeting on Feb. 8.

The Kyodo News Agency said that the decision includes enactment of a postwar emergency economic ordinance dealing with production and distribution of essential goods and it said that certain production units designated as "kernels of production" will be given priorities for materials.

The Kyodo News Agency said that further labour efficiency will be sought by conciliation between labour and management and it said that "working funds" of war industries will be set aside for the establishment of new companies devoted to peacetime production.—Associated Press.

Thousands Of Tons Dumped

Yokosuka, Feb. 20.

The job of dumping into the sea thousands of tons of ammunition powder which the Japanese had stored at this base has been completed.

Captain H. M. Briggs, the base commander, said that thousands of tons of ammunition ranging from small calibre to 16 inches were found hidden in buildings, warehouses, machineships and countless caves which the Japanese had been digging for two years before the end of the war in the hills which rim this base.

Before and during the war Yokosuka had been the main Japanese naval base on the eastern side of the archipelago. Here the Japanese maintained schools, naval laboratories, ordnance and ship repairing facilities, airplane and submarine bases.—Associated Press.

Persian Premier Off To Moscow

Teheran, Feb. 19.

Premier Qavam es Sultaneh and members of the special Iranian Mission to Moscow to discuss the Azerbaijan dispute left Teheran at 4 a.m. in a special Russian plane.

The mission, formed for bilateral negotiations after the Russo-Iranian dispute over Azerbaijan was aired before the United Nations Security Council in London, was seen off from the Ghale Morgi airport, despite the early hour, by the full staff of the Soviet Embassy in Teheran, wearing their diplomatic uniforms.

Although a previous announcement said that he would accompany the Premier, the Minister without portfolio, Dr. Daftari, who resigned Sunday, remained in Teheran, as did General Prince Firouz, Minister of Roads and Communications in the new Cabinet.—Associated Press.

Hirohito Goes For A Ride

Tokyo, Feb. 19.

Emperor Hirohito for the first time in history motored virtually unprotected through the capital to-day on his first inspection in the Tokyo-Yokohama area since the occupation.

The six-hour trip took him through the bombed Tokyo districts and through several of the Yokohama factory areas. This is his first inspection in nearly a year and his third departure from the Imperial Palace since the occupation.

The customary elaborate precautions were abandoned, said the Japanese, in conformity with the "new democratisation."

In the place of the usual thousands of special guards the route was guarded only by traffic police.

On two other occasions the Emperor passed through relatively unguarded streets but both were short journeys. One was a few blocks away to meet General MacArthur, the other was to the Tokyo station to entrain for the Ise grand shrines where he reported the end of the war.—Associated Press.

BIG UNEXPLODED BOMB FOUND AT OSAKA

Osaka, Feb. 20.

Osaka city had its wartime danger recalled recently when an unexploded 2,000-pound bomb was found by workmen in a water reservoir in the city's outskirts.

Naval Ordnance men carried the bomb to the powder storage area where the bomb was destroyed.—Associated Press.

DANES USE NORTHOLT

London, Feb. 19.

It was learned to-day that it has now been definitely decided that the Danish airlines will move in at the Northolt airport, north-west of London.

The Danish airlines' managing director in the United Kingdom, Mr. Bhristensen, is scheduled to fly to Copenhagen for consultations with the traffic management.

The present goal for starting the Danish transatlantic service is April 1. The planes, two C-54 Skymasters, have been bought in America and the airlines are only waiting for the planes to be delivered.—Associated Press.

DOLLAR POOL VOTE

New Delhi, Feb. 20.

The Indian State Council yesterday voted down by 23 to 14 the Congress Party resolution for India's withdrawal from the British Empire Dollar Pool.—Associated Press.

Mission To Seek Solution In India

LONDON, FEB. 20.

A SPECIAL THREE-MAN MISSION OF CABINET MINISTERS, HEADED BY LORD PETHICK-LAWRENCE, WILL BE SENT TO INDIA TO CONFER WITH ELECTED INDIAN REPRESENTATIVES ON STEPS LEADING TO FULL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN INDIA."

PRIME MINISTER ATTLEE SAID IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS THAT THE MISSION WILL LEAVE "TOWARDS THE END OF MARCH."

Lord Pethick-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India, said in the House of Lords that the other two members of the mission will be Sir Stafford Cripps, President of the Board of Trade, and Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty.

Sir Stafford Cripps took an offer of post-war Dominion status to the Indian leaders in 1942 when he was Lord Privy Seal. The plan failed when the leaders of the major political groups in India were unable to agree.

Another plan, to broaden the government and increase the number of Indian representatives on the Viceroy's Council, was offered last spring by Lord Wavell but met the same fate as the Cripps plan.

NEHRU STATEMENT

Some chance of agreement between the Indian Congress party and the Moslem League appeared possible when Pandit Nehru, Congress Leader, said that the Moslem provinces would be offered "95% Pakistan" (Moslem autonomy) in a Constituent Assembly.

But Nehru said that a flat declaration of India's right to full independence "will have to be accepted as the basis of conversations and agreement."

Lord Pethick-Lawrence mentioned a statement made last September by Lord Wavell outlining some "positive steps" toward Indian self-government after the elections, most of which have taken place now.

These steps, he declared, include discussions with Indian representatives to "secure the widest measure of agreement on the method of framing a constitution, the setting up of a constitution-making body" and the establishment of "an executive council" supported by the main Indian parties.

Lord Pethick-Lawrence said that solution of the Indian problem was "of paramount importance, not only to India and to the British Commonwealth but to the peace of the world."

The dispatch of the new mission, he said, "had the full concurrence of Lord Wavell."

GENUINE DESIRE

Lord Simon told the House of Lords that he hoped that the new approach to the Indian problem will "be regarded in India as a proof of the genuine desire of this country to help toward the solution of India's constitutional problems."

The Conservative leader Anthony Eden in the House of Commons asked Mr. Attlee to "make it clear that the main lines of British policy in respect to India still stand, that it is the responsibility of India and not of the Ministers from this country to bring about the constitution-making body."

Mr. Attlee said that the Ministers would "be able to act" on their own initiative "within the terms laid down by Cabinet decisions."

He added his hope that the three "will be successful in as short a time as possible."—Associated Press.

Speed-Up In U.S. Demobilisation

Honolulu, Feb. 20.

More than 17,000 officers and enlisted men in the Mid-Pacific are eligible for immediate release under the demobilisation speed-up, it was announced by Lieut.-General Robert C. Richardson, Jr., Commanding General of the Pacific Ocean areas. The announcement said that all eligible personnel will probably be returned to the United States by the end of April. The new programme permits the release of enlisted men with 40 points or 24 months of active service as of June 30 and of officers except medical personnel with 65 points or 42 months of active service as of June 30.—Associated Press.

IWOJIMA MEMORIAL

Pearl Harbour, Feb. 20.

One year after the Marine Corps attacked Iwojima in one of the bloodiest battles in its history, a naval air transport plane will sprinkle blossoms over the white crosses that lie in the shadow of Mount Suribachi. Marines in Hawaii will attend a memorial mass.—Associated Press.

Two Killed In Buenos Aires Shooting

Buenos Aires, Feb. 20.

At least two were killed and five wounded in a shooting scrape at the Station Plaza yesterday shortly after the arrival of Jose Tamborini, opponent of Colonel Juan Peron for the Presidency in next Sunday's election. A large crowd greeted Tamborini who was returning from the interior after a campaign tour.

A witness said that anti-Tamborini groups appeared shouting against the candidate and causing a fight.

The police restored order after charging the crowd with drawn sabres.—Associated Press.

CHANGE OF CHIEF

Cairo, Feb. 19.

Major-General Henry S. Aurand yesterday assumed command of the Africa Middle East theatre, replacing Major-General B. G. Giles who is returning to the United States for an undisclosed assignment with the air forces.

At a press conference, Aurand said the theatre will be liquidated in a matter of months and the personnel sent home or transferred to other theatres. Army officials said that approximately 3,000 American servicemen will be shipped out of the theatre this month, leaving about 6,000 men.—Associated Press.

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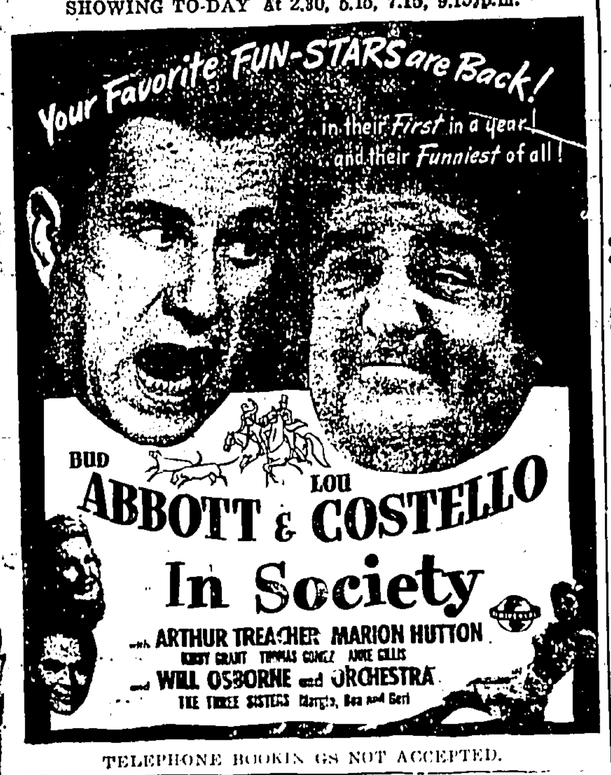

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Yaumati Ferry Co.'s War Losses

LOSSES SUSTAINED DURING THE WAR BY THE HONG KONG & YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LTD. AMOUNTED TO ONLY SIX SHIPS AND TWO LIGHTERS, ABOUT A FOURTH OF THE FLEET, BUT THE LOSS IN TONNAGE AMOUNTS TO 50 PER CENT.

THIS IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE COMPANY LOST THREE OF ITS FOUR LARGEST SHIPS, THE VEHICULAR FERRIES, AND THERE IS NOW ONLY ONE IN OPERATION ON A 40-MINUTES SERVICE BETWEEN THE JORDAN ROAD VEHICULAR FERRY WHARF AND HONG KONG.

The service is limited to vehicles for which a permit has been obtained from the S.O. II (Transport).

Of the 25 ships left in the fleet, 19 are now in use maintaining seven different services, three in the harbour and four to points outside it. Six are under repair. It is hoped to recover also one ship now in Canton, but it is not known here how serviceable she will be.

Within harbour limits, there are services in operation to Jordan Road, three ferries, including a vehicular ferry, maintaining a 20-minutes service between 6.20 a.m. and 6.40 p.m., a service to Mongkok, five boats being engaged at 15-minute intervals between 6.15 a.m. and 10 p.m., and a service every 20 minutes to Shamshuipo, five boats being engaged in this, between 6.40 a.m. and 9.20 p.m.

LAMMA SERVICE

To points outside the harbour, there is a service to Lamma Island and Aberdeen, a single ferry making three trips daily, leaving Hong Kong at 9.30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily, and leaving Aberdeen at 8 a.m., 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

There is another service to Cheung Chau Island, calling at Ping Chau Island and Silver Mine Bay. The ferry leaves Hong Kong twice daily at 9.15 a.m. and 4 p.m. and leaves Cheung Chau at 6.30 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.

There is a service between Hong Kong and Tai O (western tip of Lantau Island), calling at Kapshuimun Island and Castle Peak. The vessel engaged in this service leaves Tai O at 7.30 a.m. for Hong Kong and leave Hong Kong at 1 p.m. for the return journey.

The remaining service is between Hong Kong and Deep Bay, calling at Castle Peak en route. The ferry leaves Hong Kong at 7.30 a.m. and returns from Deep Bay at 1 p.m.

70,000 DAILY

It is estimated that traffic amounts to some 70,000 passengers daily.

Not in service yet is the Hunghom route, which has been suspended as the wharf at Hunghom is in bad need of repair and the approach to the pier is blocked by two sunken lighters.

The service to Tsun Wan is not in operation for the reason that the ferry pier there is in process of being demolished and a new pier will have to be built before the service is resumed.

Rig O' The Day For Referees

London, Feb. 20.

Standard attire for football referees will be urged by Derby County at the next meeting of the Football Association.

Clubs have long since called for uniformity, but the FA only "recommend" their referees to wear black jackets and shorts. The matter came to a head in the fourth round tie between Derby County and West Bromwich Albion.

The well-known Manchester referees, P. Snape, turned out for the match in a blue shirt with white collar, which bore a striking similarity to the Albion's colours, ignoring the pleas of the respective captains to wear something different. The result was that Derby players occasionally mistook the referee for an Albion player during the excitement of a thrilling game.

A similar incident occurred in the famous fog-bound Arsenal-Moscow Dynamo match last year. But on that occasion the Russian referee, after receiving a few neat passes, decided a change was necessary.

Some time ago the Referees Association started a move to put all their officials in Navy blue battledress, but the scheme fell through owing to shortage of material—and coupons.

The Derby proposal will meet with unanimous approval as clubs consider a ruling is timely.—Reuter.

TUESDAY BOXING

Chief Petty Officer Rogers, manager of the Boxing Tournament that will be held at the Lee Theatre on Tuesday in aid of the Hong Kong Welfare Association, has now completed his programme of fights.

The boxers have been training hard and were weighed in on Wednesday.

C.P.O. Rogers feels confident that the standard will be high and that good bouts will be witnessed.

INTERPORT SOCCER

The Interport football game between Canton and Hong Kong will be played on Saturday, March 2 at Causeway Bay.

On Sunday Canton will meet the United Services.

A meeting of the Interport committee will be held during the week for selection of the teams and other arrangements.

EISENHOWER ON RUSSIA

Salt Lake City, Feb. 20.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower told newsmen yesterday that differences between Soviet Russia and her war allies could be overcome with patience and good humour.

The United States Army chief-of-staff recalled that from 1917 Russia had been surrounded by enemies.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE LEAVE U.S.

Tule Lake, Calif., Feb. 20.

Four hundred Japanese who have asked to be returned to their homeland left the internment camp here yesterday. They are to leave from San Pedro on an army transport to-day, for Japan.—Associated Press.

"VIVA FRANCO!"

Valencia, Feb. 20.

Crowds, estimated by officials at about 30,000, demonstrated through the streets shouting "Viva Franco" and "Viva Espana."

This was the third successive day of widespread demonstrations for the Caudillo—demonstrations rumoured to have been called by Falange Party leaders to offset the gathering of Pretender Don Juan's supporters in Lisbon.

The Valencia crowd marched to the office of the Civil Governor who gave them an enthusiastic welcome and a speech.—Associated Press.

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Softball Finals

(By "ONLOOKER")

The encounters this Sunday mark the completion of the League fixtures. The Madcaps will cross bats with Chung Hwa at 9.30 a.m. and a successful out-come will mean the runners-up (Major Thursby) Cup for them. "Doc" Molthen's Baseballers will complete their Championship bid for the Tai Sang Victory Day Cup against the Cyclones, immediately afterwards.

An upset in either game will bring Way Foong Portuguese Association into the running for honours again.

The Madcaps should down the Chung Hwa, but will not "take it easy".

The stock of the "Playboy" Baseballers has gone high since their show against Way Foong and they are expected to beat the Cyclones". Whether or not the Cyclones will be up to the standard of which they are capable is always problematical, for their playing has been inconsistent.

HERE AND THERE

"Many Happy Returns" to a softball favourite, colourful Terry Noronha, formerly Big Chief of the green-shirted "Wahoos", who at the end of this month, celebrates her twenty-first birthday.

An International Series is now being organised under the auspices of the H.K. Softball Association. Representatives of each nation are requested to send in a list of players to F. J. Molthen, Shell House, 2nd Floor, Hong Kong, or to Mrs. F. J. Molthen, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, not later than March 3rd. The holder of the International Shield Competition in 1941 is India. It is hoped that the Americans and Britons of the R.A.F. will participate in this Competition. The donor of the Challenge Shield was Mr. Victor Mamak.

The following is the League Standing to-date:—

	P.	W.	L.	Pctg.
H.K. Baseball Club	7	6	1	.8572
Madcaps	7	5	2	.7143
Way Foong	8	5	3	.6250
Chung Hwa	7	2	5	.2857
Cyclones	7	1	6	.1429

BATTING AVERAGES

(Up to and including Feb. 17.)

In appending the following averages, this scribe owes his thanks to official scorer:—Mr. Philo Remedios.

Name & Team	A.B.	H.	R.B.I.
Chung (Chung Hwa)	15	8	.533
S. Hollands (Madcaps)	19	9	.474
Ching (Chung Hwa)	17	8	.471
G. Gosano (Way Foong)	25	11	.440
C. Hollands & McCollough (Madcaps)	18	7	.389
P. K. Lau (Chung Hwa)	18	6	.333
M. Souza (Way Foong)	25	8	.320
L. Luz (Way Foong)	23	7	.304

Runs batted in:—Gerry Gosano (Way Foong) 10, Sidney Hollands (Madcaps) 9, Jock Brown (Way Foong) 6, M. Xavier (Way Foong) 6.

Total bases:—Jock Brown (Way Foong) 13, Gerry Gosano (Way Foong) 12, Sidney Hollands (Madcaps) 11, Paul McCollough (Madcaps) 11, Wally Ching (Chung Hwa) 10.

NO AIR TRAVEL FOR TEST TEAM

London, Feb. 20.

While not definitely stating whether the England cricket team to tour Australia next autumn will fly there the M.C.C. has laid it down that there will be no travelling by air in the Dominion for the team.

This is a bitter blow to the players as it means they will again have to resort to rail during the tour. Australian railways have been described even by Australians themselves as the most uncomfortable in the world.

The decision is hard to understand when it considered the England team travels the whole width of Australia once and the length twice during the tour, with journeys like Adelaide to Melbourne and Perth to Sydney taking several days, often in intense heat.

Test cricketers, who have made the Australian tours, say one nightmare of the whole trip is the tediously long and uncomfortable rail journeys between matches.

They maintain air travel would cut the time spent in travel by three-quarters, which would allow more time for light practice and rest.—Reuter.

INDIAN CRICKET

London, Feb. 20.

The Nawab of Pataudi has been appointed captain of the Indian cricket team which will play in England this summer. The Nawab, now 35, was a picturesque figure in English cricket in the early 30's when he played for England, Worcestershire and Oxford University. He will be the eighth cricketer to play for two countries in Test matches.

He has not yet played for India, but would have come here as captain with the 1936 touring team if his health had not broken down. He holds the record individual score for University matches with 238 not out made at Lord's in 1931.—Reuter.

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R.A.F. SOCCER TEAM

The Royal Air Force team for the match against South China A.A., to be played at the Navy ground, Causeway Bay on Saturday, Feb. 23, at 4 p.m. will be selected from the following:—Proctor (2708), Cpl. Lennox (5026), Sgt. MacCrystal (Kai Tak), Pennington (Kai Tak), Smith (53 R.U. (P)), Bailey (Kai Tak), Boyd (5020), F/Sgt. Peacock (Kai Tak), Brown (2708), Hanlon (2706), Swinford (5025), Cpl. Hughes (Provosts), Dawn (5207) and Cpl. Stokes (5026).

SOCCER ENQUIRY

A meeting of the Emergency Committee of the Football League will be held shortly to consider the case of the two players who were sent off the field of play during the Civilians "A"—Eastern game a fortnight ago.

The delay was caused through inability of the referee to attend a meeting before.

OUTSTANDING GI MILER

New York, Feb. 20.

Leslie MacMitchell, post-war king of milers, was named by a committee of newspapermen as the outstanding GI performer in last Saturday's New York Athletic Club Games as he began pointing out one goal that always escaped him—the national indoor championship. Four wins in as many starts this season stamp the former New York University star and ex-naval officer as the logical choice in the mile.—Associated Press.

CHAOTIC CONDITIONS

World's Most Sensitive Money Market

Food Crisis Imminent In India

New York, Feb. 20.

The case for sending food to India was presented to Americans to-day by William Philip Simms, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard chain of newspapers, in a column headed "Famine on the March."

Mr. Simms wrote: "The Washington office of the Government of India has informed the writer that famine will hit a population about equal to that of the United States in the next 90 days. The only salvation lies in outside aid, especially in wheat and rice.

"Millions are already living under famine conditions. Many now receive less than 1,500 calories daily. Food reserves will be exhausted by May, according to a wire from Madras, and unless relief comes in time deaths may be counted in millions.

"In 1943 some 1,500,000 people died in the Bengal famine. Yet, the food shortage there was not as severe as now experienced in Madras, Mysore and other parts of India.

"This time, however, thanks to better control and distribution, the number of victims will hardly be proportionate. But barring a miracle, they will be considerable."—Reuter.

Huge Fortunes Won---And Lost

SHANGHAI, FEB. 20.

OPERATING IN POSSIBLY THE MOST SENSITIVE MONEY MARKET IN THE WORLD, SHANGHAI'S SPECULATORS HAVE BEEN MAKING—AND LOSING—HUGE FORTUNES SINCE JAPAN'S SURRENDER.

CHAOTIC ECONOMIC CONDITIONS HAVE DEPRECIATED THE CHINESE NATIONAL DOLLAR FROM ABOUT C.N.$650 TO U.S.$1, IN SEPTEMBER TO C.N.$2,000 IN THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY. THIS DECLINE HAS BEEN BY NO MEANS UNIFORM, HOWEVER, VIOLENT FLUCTUATIONS COMING IN CYCLES ON THE HEELS OF RUMOURS, LARGELY MANUFACTURED BY THE BIG SPECULATORS.

The market is never quiet. No sooner does it seem settled than some new "factor," however chimerical, starts a decline in the value of the Chinese National Currency.

Universal lack of confidence in the Chinese currency is at the bottom of this situation. No one wants to keep it. The man with capital holds it in American dollars, gold bars or commodities.

The failure of the Government to fix an equitable official rate of exchange between C.N.C. and foreign currencies makes it possible for speculators to exploit the money market. At present the official rate of exchange between Chinese National dollars and U.S. dollars is 20 to 1. On the black market it is 2,000 to 1.

The Chinese Government has been promising a revised official rate of exchange for five months but so far nothing has been fixed.

EASY TO MANIPULATE

The most popular rumour on the Shanghai market is that the Government has finally fixed a foreign exchange rate—naturally at a level considerably higher than the one prevailing on the black market. Or else the rumour may be that the Government has received a huge loan to back its currency—and down goes the rate.

The speculators who manipulate the market seem to have no difficulty in swinging it whichever way they please, and lack of official action makes their task even easier. Many speculators only deal in the cross-rate between U.S. dollars and gold bars. They reason that since C.N.C. is virtually worthless, if they buy American dollars with Chinese dollars and then sell at a higher rate, although they have more C.N.C., its purchasing power has deteriorated in the meantime to such an extent that they actually lose money. If, however, they only deal in the cross-rate, whichever way they end up they have a sound holding—either American dollars or gold bars.

AN EMERGENCY

This cross-rate is also subject to tremendous fluctuations. In two days recently the price of a 10-ounce bar went from U.S.$715 to $640, and then back up again to $775.

In an effort to check the activities of the speculators in Shanghai, the authorities temporarily banned all trading in American dollars and gold bars on Feb. 15 but even though the "official" black market was raided by the police and manipulators rounded up, "black" black market rates were quoted. It is felt that until the authorities take strong measures to settle the currency situation, either by fixing a new official rate of exchange or by issuing a new currency with proper backing, there can be no solution to what is rapidly becoming an emergency.—Reuter.

Old Methods Not Good Enough In Shensi

SIAN, FEB. 20.

GENERAL CHU SHAO CHOU, CHINESE WARRIOR WHOSE PEOPLE WERE ON THE BORDERLINE OF THE JAPANESE INVASION AREA DURING THE WAR, HAS ONE GREAT PEACETIME AMBITION: TEACH HIS FARMERS AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL METHODS.

Shensi Province, with a population of nearly ten million, 80 per cent. of which are farmers, is an important segment of west China's "heartland."

General Chou, who is the capable Governor of Shensi, said: "To-day it takes 200 farmers in the province to equal production of one American farmer. I am going to change that. Methods which were used three or four thousand years ago will not serve the needs of modern China."

Speaking to a representative of the Associated Press at the famous Hot-Springs baths of Lin Tung—where the Young Marshal, Chang Hsueh-liang, held Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek a prisoner in 1937—General Chu outlined his idea on agriculture.

He said he expected to increase production in cotton, wheat, rice and other commodities through American farming methods with a group of teachers to study American farming.

The General said he hoped to obtain United States assistance to introduce modern farm machinery, including tractors, into Shensi.

To-day millions of farmers in Shensi are tilling the soil exactly as their ancestors did thousands of years ago. Plowing and transport was still done by human hand or with the assistance of a few animals.—Associated Press.

Canadian Inquiry Into At-Bomb Leak

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per to say anything more about it. The matter is in the hands of the Canadian Government."

Mr. Attlee spoke in reply to Communist William Gallacher who demanded publication of the "Amount of money spent by this country in international spying."—Associated Press.

SOVIET PRESS

Moscow, Feb. 20.

The Soviet press yesterday published without editorial comment Canadian Prime Minister MacKenzie King's statement disclosing that employees of a foreign Legation in Ottawa had been involved in espionage activities resulting in the leakage of secret information. Moscow radio also carried the Tass dispatch.—Associated Press.

DISOLOSURE DENIED

Washington, Feb. 20.

Senator Brien McMahon, democrat of Connecticut, Chairman of the Senate special committee on atomic energy, said yesterday that the current hearings by the committee had not resulted in the disclosure of valuable atomic secrets.

He said that Secretary of War Patterson and Major-Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the atomic project, commenting on the current story that authorized war department sources had complained that valuable atomic secrets had been disclosed in the course of the committee's work "have both assured me they do not know of any such disclosures. There have been none."—Associated Press.

"BLACK MARKET"

Ottawa, Feb. 20.

The Canadian Government's investigation into leakage of information was linked to its probe of the Eldorado Gold Mines Ltd., Canada's source of uranium, by a Montreal report that Russia agents tried to buy half million dollars worth of "black market" uranium.

The Montreal Gazette published the report and indicated those allegedly buying uranium failed to get it out of Canada. The paper recalled Government approbation of the Eldorado Mines sometime ago and the subsequent announcement of an official inquiry.—Associated Press.

Officer Astonished

Washington, Feb. 19.

Captain Edwin T. Layton, intelligence officer of the U.S. Pacific Fleet in 1941, told the Pearl Harbour Investigating Committee yesterday that he was "astonished and outraged" when he learned two years after the Dec. 7 attack how much information Washington had from intercepted Japanese messages which had not been passed on to him and Admiral Kimmel.

Layton commented that as Fleet intelligence officer his responsibility was to keep Fleet officers informed of all known dispositions and intentions of the Japanese forces adding "Had I been negligent and not informed the Fleet of something they should have known I would have been court-martialled and probably shot—and deserved it."—Associated Press.

Rush In Japan For Small Money

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The smaller denominations of Japanese currency notes have begun to disappear in the rush for "small money."

Under the recent Government anti-inflation measures only ten yen notes or larger ones are to be recalled.

As a result some Japanese began collecting notes of the smaller denomination. In the black market money-exchanges a single ten yen note can be exchanged for 7½ yen and three ten yen notes are traded for four five yen notes.

There are unconfirmed stories of well-dressed Japanese offering ten yen notes to beggars for a handful of copper coins of smaller denomination notes.—Associated Press.

Military Courts In Japan

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

General MacArthur has ordered the establishment of a system of military occupation courts in Japan which will have the power to impose sentences, including death, for United Nations nationals charged with criminal offences as well as for Japanese for offences against the occupation forces. The new system also expressly removes from the Japanese courts jurisdiction over United Nations nationals or organisations including the corporations.

Among offences for which the new order provides trial only in military occupation courts are "acts prejudicial to the security of the occupation forces," "refusing information" to the occupation forces in "matters of official concern" and "unauthorised possession or taking receipt or disposal" of property of the occupation force of or members of the force.—Associated Press.

Criticism Of U.N.O. Big Power Veto

Honolulu, Feb. 20.

The Philippine delegate to the U.N.O. London conference, Colonel Tomas L. Cabili, told an interviewer that as "long as the big powers dominate U.N.O. through the veto power on the Security Council there can be no majority in action by the smaller nations," and U.N.O. cannot be an effective force for peace unless changes are made.

Cabili asserted that the "big powers are merely using U.N.O. as a stage in a bid for public opinion. There has been too much secret diplomacy and suspicion on the part of some nations."

He expressed sympathy for the Indonesian independence bid. He said that "independence for the Indonesians and other peoples in the Far East was merely carrying out the spirit of the Atlantic Charter but all peoples first must prove themselves worthy of independence."—Associated Press.

APARTMENT EXPLOSION

New Orleans, Feb. 20.

An explosion, followed by fire, wrecked a 14-apartment negro housing unit to-day, killing an undetermined number of occupants and injuring numerous others.

The brick structure collapsed and rescue workers were not able to enter the ruins for more than an hour after the blast. Police and firemen said that only a few persons escaped from the building.

It is estimated that the number of persons occupying the unit ran to 60 or more.—Associated Press.

Winking A Blind Eye With A Difference

LONDON, FEB. 20.

THOUSANDS OF BRITISH SERVICEMEN AND CIVILIAN "BLITZ" VICTIMS BLINDED OR PARTIALLY BLINDED AS A RESULT OF THE WAR ARE BEING FITTED WITH PLASTIC EYES WHICH ARE SO NATURAL AS TO DECEIVE MEDICAL EXPERTS. THE EYES RESPOND TO MUSCULAR ACTION AND EVEN "BLINK."

The manufacture of the eyes was once one of Germany's jealously guarded secrets; but during the war British scientists succeeded in producing eyes even better than those made by Germany.

In addition to avoiding the "glassy stare" of glass eyes, these plastic ones are lighter and, being unbreakable, are not liable to splinter in accidents, or under difficult working or climatic conditions as the glass variety do.

An official of the Ministry of Pensions stated that no plastic eyes would be available for export or to be sent to Europe under U.N.R.R.A. schemes for some time to come.

"Although we have been making unbreakable plastic eyes for more than six months, the demand is still great, he added. "It is impossible to send any abroad. For our own work, there is one medical expert in charge of production and three women with special technical qualifications are engaged in colouring the iris so that the eyes look natural.

"There have been numerous requests from abroad including Russia, but none of the plastic eyes will leave this country until our tasks have been completed. That will probably be a considerable time yet."

An idea of the demand can be gained from the fact that from the beginning of the war until the new plastic eyes were produced a few months ago, the Ministry of Pensions had accommodated 46,000 blinded service personnel with glass eyes. All these, as well as those not yet fitted with any artificial eyes at all, will now be wanting the new plastic ones.—Reuter.

Restoring World Economic Health

New York, Feb. 20.

Mr. Edward Stettinius, head of the United States delegation, said on his return here by plane today: "London was the first test of the United Nations. What happens in the immediate future in effective international economic action will be a greater test.

"We cannot fail to meet it. The tremendous tasks of reconstruction and recovery will be possible only with vigorous action by the United States in the economic field both at home and abroad.

"Other nations must do their part and my experience in London convinced me that they will. We cannot do what we must do alone and no one expects us to. The restoration of the world to economic health must be a co-operative enterprise."—Reuter.

French Give Up Extrality

Chungking, Feb. 20.

A Treaty under which France is to relinquish her extraterritorial and related rights in China will be signed shortly. The Foreign Minister, Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, will represent China at the signing.—Associated Press.

Those Oil Shipments

Washington, Feb. 20.

The nominee for the post of Navy Under-Secretary, Mr. Edwin Pauley, told the Senate Committee that some of the oil refined by his petrol corporation was sent to Japan but he said that he was a constant campaign to discourage the shipment of American oil to Japan.

Pauley said that he sold not directly to the Japanese Government but to brokers who in turn sold to Japan and admitted knowing that the final consignees were Japanese.

Pauley read a telegram he had sent former Interior Secretary Ickes on June 17 1941 declaring that Japan appeared to be forcing a showdown in the Netherlands East Indies and telling Ickes that if Japan was allowed to intrench herself there she would be in a position to carry on an aggressive warfare against China and the United States for years. He said that Ickes replied on June 20 that he would take up the subject with President Roosevelt.—Associated Press.

JAPANESE ELECTION APPLICANTS

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The Kyodo News Agency said that 2,785 persons submitted their applications for qualification as candidates in the forthcoming general election. The Liberals head the list submitted by the major parties with 352 applicants, followed by the Social Democrats with 309, the Progressives with 294 and the Communists with 116. —Associated Press.

U.S. PHONE STRIKE THREATENED

NEW YORK, FEB. 20.

THREATS OF A GENERAL TELEPHONE STRIKE APPEARED YESTERDAY.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH BEIRNE, OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF TELEPHONE WORKERS, ANNOUNCED THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE 50 INDEPENDENT UNIONS COMPRISING THE FEDERATION FAVOUR STRIKING FOR WAGE INCREASES AND THE FEDERATION OF LONG LINES OPERATORS DECLARED THAT A NATION-WIDE STRIKE OF LONG DISTANCE OPERATORS WOULD BE CALLED UNLESS THE LONG LINE STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA IS SETTLED.

Meanwhile, the nation's steel industry slowly moved toward full production but negotiations continued deadlocked in the prolonged General Motors strike.

Federal agencies recommended an 18-cent hourly wage increase for shipyard and farm machinery workers.—Associated Press.

PHILLY. DISPUTE

A United States conciliator announced the settlement of the Philadelphia strike of 1,000 telephone and telegraph operators which had prompted threats of a nationwide sympathy strike by the National Federation of Telephone workers.

The settlement of the Philadelphia dispute involving promotions did not however, remove the possibility that the National Federation would vote to walkout over demands for higher wages for more than 250,000 workers.

STEEL STRIKE

Settlement of the steel strike will not be reflected on the nation's automobile's assembly lines for at least another month.

The consensus of opinion is that if the end of the strike is to be followed up this week by a settlement of the General Motors strike, the car industry may be able to reach its proper volume of output about the latter of May. This means an assembly of around 100,000 units weekly.

To date, the industry has assembled fewer than 200,000 1946 models.

Authoritative estimates place potential output this year at approximately 2,500,000 passenger units assuming there are no further labour disputes.

The backlog of demand is estimated at upward of 12,000,000 vehicles.—Associated Press.

Marcus Island Now An Isle Of Peace

MARCUS ISLAND, FEB. 20.

THIS TINY FORMER OUTPOST ISLAND GUARDING JAPAN JUTS UP LIKE A TRIANGULAR FRECKLE ON THE FACE OF THE SEA, 720 MILES FROM THE NEAREST LAND. SMALL AS IT IS THERE IS NO QUESTION BUT THAT AMERICAN FIGHTING MEN WOULD HAVE PAID HEAVILY IN BLOOD AND LIVES FOR ITS CAPTURE HAD NOT THE UNITED STATES' STRATEGY BEEN TO BY-PASS IT.

FOR YEARS BEFORE THE WORLD WAR II THE JAPANESE HAD DRAWN A CLOAK OF SECRECY AROUND THE 340-ACRE CORAL STRAND WHICH THEY OCCUPIED IN 1899 AFTER THE UNITED STATES HAD GAINED POSSESSION OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OF GUAM AS A RESULT OF THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR.

Marcus Island was used as a weather and radio station and as a base for staging aircrafts to the other Japanese possessions in the Central Pacific. As many as 4,000 of the Emperor's soldiers were crowded onto its flat top.

Six-inch batteries mounted in concrete guarded the reef-fringed shoreline. Mines and barbed wires blocked most of the approachable beaches. A fantastically intricate series of pill boxes, blockhouses and rifle pits were connected by trenches. The buildings sheltering personnel, administration and shops were of reinforced concrete. Its defenses were well planned.

The first raids against Marcus Island located north east of Saipan along the sea road to Japan were staged in early March 1942 by war planes from the carrier "Enterprise." Concentrated attacks followed later when B-29's used the island in practice raids and then turned the job over to B-24's.

500 KILLED

They did their work so well that when the Americans took over 500 Japanese had been killed by bombs, another 500 had died of starvation and the gaunt survivors were eating weeds, birds and a few squash pumpkins they had managed to grow in the gardens. Only one scarred tree remained standing.

United States Navy Captain A. E. Loomis, Commander on Marcus Island, said that when the American forces occupied the island they found about 60 Japanese trucks and a dozen tanks still intact. They were quickly turned into junk by a series of race staged by the Marines and the Seabees. The wrecked equipment was then bulldozed into a long wide trench and buried.

Marcus to-day is principally useful as a stopping point for the Navy Air Transport planes en route to Tokyo, 1,000 miles north-west. The planes are checked and gassed here after their 760 mile flight from Wake Island.

The principal runway has been extended to 4,900 feet from the 3,500-foot length constructed by the Japanese. Along a second runway built by the former owners are American Administration buildings and the living quarters for the occupational force of approximately 700 soldiers, sailors and Marines. The Island's role now is one of peace.—Associated Press.

Kilkenny And Gladstone

Kilkenny, Feb 20.

Kilkenny has reached round two of the contest over the bust of Lord Gladstone. In round one the Corporation ordered removal of the bust from the Town Hall. In round two notice was given of a motion to rescind the decision.

Three applications have been received for the bust — from C. J. Gladstone of Glanmire County, Cork, who claims to be the only surviving male member of the Gladstone family, from Mrs. Nan Dingle of Cornwall and from Mr. Thomas Mennigh. When the resolution ordering removal of the bust was passed, the meeting described the Corporation's action as "irregular and a disgrace to Kilkenny."—Reuter.

Mongolian Demand

Chungking, Feb. 20.

Seven representatives of the so-called "Eastern Mongolian People's Republic" have arrived in Changchun, capital of Manchuria, reports the official army organ "Peace Daily News."

It is learned that the representatives are demanding autonomy and in a letter bearing 40 signatures issued to-day expressed strong opposition to the "Soviet's insistent demands on the Chinese Central Government in utter disregard of the letter and spirit of the Sino-Soviet Treaty." The letter adds: "The Chinese people will not allow the north-east to be enslaved again."—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE IN SIDKY

Cairo, Feb. 20.

Premier Ismail Sidky Pasha's new government yesterday won a vote of confidence from the Chamber of Deputies while students continued their demonstrations demanding the withdrawal of British forces from Egypt.

The new Premier earlier gave the Chamber his pledge to work for the complete independence of Egypt and for unity between Egypt and the Sudan.

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